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**VIA ECFS**

June 11, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Rye Telephone Company for Authority to  
Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Rye Telephone Company for  
Authority to Discontinue Certain Services. This filing is made in compliance with Section  
63.71 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.71).

Sincerely,

Valerie Wimer  
Vice President

on behalf of

Shawn Davis  
Operations Manager  
Rye Telephone Company

Enclosures

cc: Shawn Davis, Rye Telephone Company

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Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Section 63.71 Application of	)	Comp. Pol. File No. _____
Rye Telephone Company	)	
For Authority to Discontinue	)	
Certain Services	)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules<sup>1</sup> and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>2</sup> Rye Telephone Company ("Rye" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt services to customers that the Company serves in the State of Colorado ("Application").<sup>3</sup> In support of this Application, Rye submits the following:

**I. Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1) -(4)**

**A. Name and Address of Carrier**

Rye Telephone Company  
P.O. Box 19048  
Colorado City, CO 81019

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Shawn Davis  
Rye Telephone Company  
P.O. Box 19048  
Colorado City, CO 81019  
719.676.3131  
Sdavis@ghvalley.net

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

<sup>3</sup> As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, Rye has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, the Governor of Colorado, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

**B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance**

Rye will discontinue Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt services to its customers in the State of Colorado on or after July 1, 2015, upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

**C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected**

Affected Rye local exchange customers are in the Company's service area of southern Colorado which includes portions of Pueblo, Custer, Huerfano, Las Animas and Baca Counties.

**D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected**

In the areas referenced above, Rye provides the following services which will be discontinued: Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt services (collectively, "Affected Services"). This discontinuance is limited to the Affected Services. Customers will continue to have access to all other current services without interruption.

**II. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers**

Notices were sent to all Rye local exchange customers as a bill insert by method of U.S. Mail on June 1, 2015. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected customers. While the customer notice letter was dated May 11, 2015, the notice was included in June 1, 2015 customer bills as a bill insert. Rye deemed the bill insert the most economic method of reaching its rural customers and printed the insert on distinctly colored paper to distinguish it from the billing statement and bring sufficient attention to the Notice.

**III. Status of Carrier**

Rye is an incumbent local exchange carrier and considered a dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the State of Colorado.

**IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance**

The Company's discontinuance of the Affected Services was a business decision based on a lack of customer demand for the service. In the preceding 12 months, the Company only had one instance of a customer utilizing busy line verify service, and had no use for busy line interrupt service. Therefore, the discontinuance of these services will not adversely affect the Company's customers.

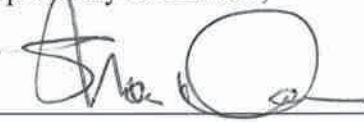
**V. Certification**

On behalf of Rye Telephone Company, I, the undersigned Operations Manager, Shawn Davis, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

**VI. Conclusion**

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shawn Davis  
Operations Manager  
Rye Telephone Company  
P.O. Box 19048  
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Date

6-11-2015

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Doug Dean, Director  
Colorado Public Utilities Commission  
1560 Broadway Street, Suite 250  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Office of Governor John Hickenlooper  
State of Colorado  
136 State Capitol Building  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for  
Telecommunications,  
Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301



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## EXHIBIT A

### CUSTOMER NOTICE



P.O. Box 19048 \* Colorado City, CO \* 81019

May 11, 2015

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Certain Operator Services

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on or after July 1, 2015 Rye Telephone Company (RTC) will no longer be providing certain operator services within the state of CO. Customers who attempt to utilize the discontinued services will be informed by the operator that the service is not available. Specifically, the following operator services will be discontinued.

- Line Status Verification/Busy Line Verification – An operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use.
- Busy Line Interrupt – An operator service allowing the operator to break into a conversation when a line is in use.

This discontinuance is limited to the above operator services and will not affect your RTC service in any other way. Customers will continue to access general operator services, including operator assisted dialing, handling sent-paid calls, handling emergency calls and providing rate quotes where available.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of RTC Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

If you have any questions about this notice or RTC's discontinuance of the aforementioned operator services, please contact us at 719.676.3131

We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve your communications needs.

Sincerely,  
The Rye Telephone Company